

Indian Railways have not sought any aid from the Government of United States of America for the purpose of upgrading their System.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### East Coast Railway

326. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway has not yet been finalised;

(b) whether the East Coast Railway has also not become functional yet;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Railways are presently facing acute resource constraints. Even within the available resources, some allocation of funds has been made to progress the efforts. The proposed new Zones will gradually become operational, depending upon the availability of investible resources for this purpose by the Railways.

#### Railway Projects in NER

327. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the ongoing railway projects and survey works being executed for improvement of railway network in the NER indicating total allocation, target fixed and progress of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Railway Projects in NER along with allocation, target fixed and progress of work are given in the Statement.

**Statement**  
**Railway Projects in NE Region**  
(Rs. in Crore)

S.No. Plan	Project	Year of approval	KMS	*COST*Expenditure up to 31-3-2000	*Budget Outlay 2000-01	Remarks
1. A New Lines	New Maynaguri-Joggopa	2000-01	245	733	0.00	6.00 New work included in the Budget 2000-01. Part Detailed estimate for Final location survey has been sanctioned in the Board's office and FLS is being taken up.
2. A New Lines	Harmuti-Itanagar	1996-97	33	156	10.23	10.00 This work has been frozen at the request of state Govt. who now want an alternative alignment from Maleta to Itanagar for which a survey has been sanctioned.
3. A New Lines	Diphu-Karong PHI	1997-98	123	1600	10.29	15.00 This work has been frozen since Govt. of Manipur has suggested to have Jiribam-Imphal as a alternative alignment to this work, for which proposal to take up survey is under consideration of the Board.

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4.	A New Lines	Bogibeel bridge**	1997-98	46	1000	5.00	The detailed investigation & final location survey have been taken up by RITES. CCEA's clearance in principle has also been obtained. Sharing of cost for rail cum road bridge has been decided to be on same principle as for Jogighopa bridge. RITES have completed the field survey, geo-technical investigations, seismic studies etc. studies in respect of hydraulic model, traffic, design of bridge, protection works etc. are in progress. The report is expected later this year. Work will be started once the survey including model studies is completed and alignment is fixed and final clearances of CCEA is obtained.

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5. A New Lines	Dudhnoi-Dapa	1992-93	15.5	22.33	3.70	0.10 This work was sanctioned in 1992-93. However, Meghalaya govt. has not made available the land so far for this project due to resistance from local people. However, papers for land acquisition have been submitted in July 1997. There is no problem in acquiring the land for the portion of the line falling in Assam and land acquisition will be pursued after the land in Meghalaya is handed over. Work on this project would be taken up only after the land becomes available and will be completed within 2 years of land being made available.
6. A New Lines	Jogighopa-Guwahati	1983-84	142	637	469.72	15.00 The work has been completed and commissioned.
7. B Gauge Conversion	New Guwahati-Lumding	1992-93	209	194	194.00	0.20 Work has been completed and commissioned.

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8. B Gauge station	Conver-Katakhal-Bairabhi	1997-98	84	200	2.00	0.10 Requisite clearances have since been received. Preliminary arrangements are being made for starting the work.
9. B Gauge station	Conver-New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongai-gaon	1997-98	280	535.9	48.00	80.00 The work is in very good progress and is being accorded high priority. It is planned to be completed by Dec. 2003 subject to availability of resources.
10. B Gauge station	Conver-Lumding-Silchar	1996-97	198	648	45.75	40.00 Final location survey for divisions in the Ghat section to suit the requirement of BG and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers has been taken up. RITES have already completed the paper alignment for entire length and staking of the alignment has been completed in 150 km. Earthwork and bridges are now in progress between Lumding and Silchar in 90 km length (40 km form

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11. B Gauge Conversion	Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fin- gers.@	1993-94	628	734.8	660.72	10.00	<p>The work of main line from Lumding to Dibrugarh, Tinsukhia-Lekhapani and branch lines from Furkating to Malirani and Simalguri-Moranhat has been completed.</p> <p>Gauge Conversion work on Anguri-Tuli and Makum-Dangari is in progress and will be completed in 2001-02.</p>
TOTAL:							181.4